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ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

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T. JACKSON,

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Office of the Corporation;

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, February 15, 1882.

COMPTOIR DES COMPTES DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....£23,200,000.

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HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BENOÎTE,

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AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:

LONDON: BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO,

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MESSES C. J. HAMBRO & SON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

F. COCHINARD,

Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

MR. FREDERICK DEBLOIS BUSH is Admitted a PARTNER in our firm from this date, and MR. GEORGE H. WHEELER is authorized to sign our Name.

RUSSELL & CO.

China, 1st January, 1882.

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NOTICE

THE Underwriters have been appointed SOLES AGENTS for the Sale of their GOODS by Messrs KYNOCH & CO., of WIRTON, near BIRMINGHAM.

MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, August 18, 1881.

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### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. W. KERFOOT HUGHES in our FIRM CEASED on the 31st December last. The BUSINESS will be carried on, under the same Style, by Mr. WILLIAM JONES HUGHES and Mr. EDWARD JONES HUGHES.

HUGHES & LEGGE,

Hongkong, January 14, 1882.

### NOTICE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA, of Tokio, at THIS PORT.

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

### Auctions.

#### PUBLIC AUCTION

OF JAPANESE PORCELAINS, BRONZE, LACQUERWARE AND CURIOS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

#### SATURDAY,

the 18th March, 1882, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Pedder's Wharf,

A VERY HANDSOME and VALUABLE COLLECTION OF JAPANESE PORCELAIN, BRONZES, LACQUERWARE, &c., &c., comprising—

SOME VERY RARE and OLD SATSUMA VASES, INCENSE BURNERS, CUPS and PLATES, &c.

TOKIO, SAITAMA, KUTANI VASES, JARS, &c.

BRASS and SATSUMA ENAMELED VASES and PLATES, BRONZES, COINS, NITZIES, TEA, BREAKFAST and COFFEE SETS, and ASSORTED COLLECTION of TEA POES.

CABINET BRONZE INLAID, and SILVER BANDS, WRITING DESKS, TEA CADDIES, CIGAR CASES, PAPER BOXES, TEA-POES, KOREAN and SOOCHOW VASES, &c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale, and the above on view on Friday next.

TERMS.—As customary.

G. R. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer,

Hongkong, March 13, 1882.

### To Let.

#### TO LET—FURNISHED.

N. O. 4, LOWER MOSQUE TERRACE, END HOUSE. Immediate Possession.

Apply to "A. B. O.",

OFFICE of THIS PAPER.

Hongkong, March 13, 1882.

### TO LET, FURNISHED.

THE well-known BUNGALOW, with GARDEN, &c., on Mount Kellet, the Property of Mr. T. C. Bayliss, Q.C. can be inspected at any time on application to the Watchman.

Apply to R. G. ALFORD,

Surveyor, &c., &c.,

QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, March 13, 1882.

### TO LET.

OFFICES in No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, KURUMAJEAN, No. 10, ALBANY ROAD.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, February 15, 1882.

### For Sale.

#### FOR SALE.

THE OWNERS of KEELUNG COLLIERY, FORMOSA, are prepared to SELL COALS of the following Description, viz.—

BEST SCREENED COALS.

CLEAN NUT COALS.

UNSCREENED NUT COALS.

BLAST COALS.

Address: OFFICIAL in CHARGE,

KELUNG COLLIERY.

Hongkong, March 13, 1882.

### FOR SALE—JUST RECEIVED.

BEST INDIAN SILVER JEWEL

ERY, of various kinds.

INDIAN CASHMERE SHAWLS.

RUMPOORE CHUDERS; and

CASHMERE CLOTH, assorted, for LADIES' DRESSES.

AT MODERATE PRICES.

N. M. KHAMISA,

8 and 10, Peel Street.

Hongkong, January 28, 1882.

### WANTED.

COMPETENT SURGEONS for STEAMERS and SAILING SHIPS, hence to Victoria, Portland and San Francisco.

For Particulars, apply to

## Intimations.

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#### NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held at the CITY HALL or WEDNESDAY, the 22nd Instant, at 3.30 p.m.

By Order,

E. GEORGE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, March 14, 1882.

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NOTICE.

## For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL &amp; Co.

HAVE RECEIVED FOR SALE.

CHRISTMAS STORES AND  
NEW AND SEASONABLE  
GOODS.

EX FRENCH MAIL STEAMER.

MUSCATEL RAISINS.

METZ FRUIT.

ASSORTED COSAQUES.

GALLARD &amp; BOWSER'S CONFECTIONERY.

BUTTER SCOTCH.

HONEY SCOTCH.

ROSE TOFFEE.

LEMON TOFFEE.

ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

PLUM PUDDINGS.

PATRAS CURRANTS.

VALENCIA RAISINS.

MACKINNON PEN.

LIVERMORE PEN.

LAWN TENNIS BATS.

LAWN TENNIS BALLS.

LAWN TENNIS SHOES.

EX SHAMBER "Gloriendas."

STILTON CHEESE.

YORK HAMS.

CHRISTMAS CAKES.

TEYSONNEAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.

ALMONDS AND RAISINS.

SMYRNA FIGS.

PINIC TONGUES.

FILBERTS.

COCOATINA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.

LIMHOUW &amp; EDE'S COCOA.

FRENCH PLUMS.

HUNLEY &amp; PALMER'S BISCUITS.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.

CHOCOLATE—MENIER.

SAUSAGES.

BRAWN.

SIGNEY BUTTER.

DANISH BUTTER.

BREAKFAST TONGUES.

ANCHOVIES.

ASPARAGUS.

SOUPS, &amp;c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES—

HIBERNIA'S MONOPOLE &amp; WHITE

SEAL.

VEUNE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN,

JULES MUMM &amp; Co., pints &amp; quarts.

CLARETS—

CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints &amp; quarts.

CHATEAU LARITE, " "

INES, GRAVES, "

BREAKFAST CLARET, "

SHERRIES &amp; PORT—

SIGNEY'S MANZANILLA &amp; AMON-

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SIGNEY'S OLD INVALID PORT

(1848).

HUNY'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &amp;c.

1 &amp; 2 STAR HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

BISQUIT DOUTCHE &amp; Co.'S BRANDY.

FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.

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ANGOSTURA.

BOKER'S and ORANGE BITTERS.

&amp;c., &amp;c.

EX AMERICAN MAIL

FRESH ROLL BUTTER.

EASTERN AND CALIFORNIA CHEESE.

BONELESS CODFISH.

PRIME HAMS AND BACON.

RUSSIAN CAVIAR.

EGG BRAND CONDENSED MILK.

PEACH AND APPLE BUTTER.

PICKLED ON-TONGUES.

FAMILY PIG-PORK IN 5 lb cans.

BEAU IDEAL SALMON IN 5 lb cans.

Gutting's Dessert FRUITS IN 2 lb cans.

Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.

Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage

MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.

Assorted PICKLES.

MINCEMEAT.

COMB-HONEY in Original Frames.

Richardson &amp; Robbin's Celebrated Potted MEATS.

McCarthy's Sugar LEMONADE.

CHAM CHOWDER.

Smoked SALMON.

Green TURTLE IN 2 lb cans.

&amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c.

YACHT &amp; PICNIC SUPPLIES.

CALIFORNIA

RACKER

COMPANY'S BISCUITS IN 5 lb

tins, and loose.

Alphabetical BIS-

QUITES.

Fancy Sweet Mixed

BISCUITS.

Ginger CAKES.

Soda BISCUITS.

Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.

OATMEAL.

HOMINY.

CORNWHEAT.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.

RYE MEAL.

SPECIALTY SELECTED

CIGARES.

Five New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in

5 and 10 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

SHIPCHANDLERY of every Description.

RIGGING AND SAIL-MAKING promptly

executed.

Hongkong, January 25, 1882.

## Mails.

MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE  
AND INLAND SEA.

THE S. S. SUMIDA MARU, Captain

HUNZER, will be despatched as above

on FRIDAY, the 17th March, at 4 p.m.

Cargo sent on board and Parcels at

the Office up to 1 p.m. of day of sailing.

No Bill of Lading signed under \$2

Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board

before delivery is taken, otherwise they

will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

Cabin in Storage. £6 10s 0d

YOKOHAMA &amp; NAGASAKI. 75 20

SHANGHAI via YOKOHAMA. 120 40

KOREA. 95 30

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN CABIN

PASSENGERS.

CARGO and PASSENGERS for Nagasaki

will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail

Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the

Company's OFFICE, Praya Central, Ground

Floor of Messrs RUSSELL &amp; Co.

HONGKONG, March 7, 1882.

## INSURANCES.

THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE IN-  
SURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, £2,000,000 | PAID-UP, £200,000.

PAID-UP RESERVE FUND, £30,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents for the above Company are

prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against

FIRE at Current Rates.

GEO. R. STEVENS &amp; Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

YANGTZE INSURANCE  
ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up)... £420,000.00

PERMANENT RESERVE... £230,000.00

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND... £28,036.17

TOTAL CAPITAL AND AC-  
CUMULATIONS, 2nd... £9,936.17

April, 1881.

Directors.

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

W. M. BOYD, Esq., Vice-Chairman.

W. H. PINCKEY, Esq., Vice-Chairman.

F. D. HITCH, Esq., Vice-Chairman.

MESSRS RUSSELL &amp; Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH:

MESSRS BARING BROTHERS &amp; Co.,

Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,

68 and 69, Cornhill.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all

Parts of the World.

Subject to a Charge of 12% for Interest

on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS

of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are an-

nually distributed among all Contributors

of Business in proportion to the Premium

paid by them.

RUSSELL &amp; Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, May 20, 1882.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF

His Majesty King George the First,

A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents for the above Corporation are

prepared to grant INSURANCES as follows:

Marine Department.

Policies issued at current rates, payable either

here, in London, or at the principal Ports of

India, China and Australia.

Agents for the above Corporation are

prepared to grant INSURANCES as follows:

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at

current rates.

Life Department.

held that the sale of Crown lands represented the capital of the Colony; but, if this were so, it is difficult to conceive how the Secretary of State could have found occasion, two months previously, to remand our worthy Governor that this source of income should be viewed more in the light of capital than in that of regular revenue! Those, however, who happen to be acquainted with Sir John Pope Hennessy's wonderful powers of adaptability in the matter of self-interest, will not be at a loss for an explanation.

Salt is an important necessary of life everywhere, but more especially in those countries like China, where it is extensively employed in fish-curing, salt-fish being an important article in the dietary of the poorest or lowest stratum of the population. It has been estimated that one-fourth of an ounce per diem, or about 5*lb.* per annum, is more than sufficient to cover individual consumption anywhere in the East, although in coast towns the requirement of each inhabitant runs as high as 6*lb.* and even 8*lb.* In the Anglo-Portuguese Treaty, a provision of no less than 14*lb.* per head of population was made, in a basis, it is said, of a double allowance. The value of the figures here adduced is derived from the fact that they serve to regulate production or export to meet particular demands.

The ubiquitous Chinaman is again to the fore. We learn that even in isolated Mauritius there are no less than 3,600 "Heathen" Celestials, who have apparently quite revolutionised the local markets of that Colony, by monopolising its entire retail trade!

It may interest the denizens of that permanent abode of natural disturbances—earthquakes and typhoons—Manila, that science may yet come to the rescue to avert at least one of these sources of its troubles. It has been suggested that a relation between earthquake shocks and electrical phenomena may be yet discovered, as so to render the possibility of an invention—some species of conductor—capable of averting the calamity from its habitual haunts, probable!

We find that the question of the subjected jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Goa, came under the notice of the House of Commons last month. This ecclesiastic, who derives his authority and nomination from the Portuguese Government, and, in fact, draws a fixed stipend from that State, exercises control over the Goanese Clergy domiciled all over British India. These priests, although stationed within the dioceses of other Catholic Bishops in that country, are absolutely independent of them. This anomaly extends even to the British Authorities under whose protection they live and exercise the functions of their office, while considering no allegiance or other such obligation to the country. The British Government does not interfere in the matter, and leaves their quiet enjoyment undisturbed.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next ENGLISH MAIL, bringing London dates to the 10th February, may be expected to arrive here on Friday, the 17th inst., by the P. & O. str. *Kien*.

The next AMERICAN MAIL may be expected to arrive here on Monday, the 20th instant, by the O. & O. Steamor *Gaeta*, which brings Californian dates to the 18th ultimo.

MESSES Adamson, Bell Co. inform us that the S. S. *Flora Castle*, from London, left Singapore yesterday for this port.

YESTERDAY Admiral Wiles paid a visit to Commodore von Blaau, on board the *Stach*, this morning and received the usual salute.

In our paragraph about the tea entertainment at the Temperance Hall, we were led to understand that the tea was gratis. This is not so, as the singing part of the entertainment only is free to all.

THE WIZARD of the North, Professor Anderson, assisted by Madam Louise Anderson, gives one of his wonderful entertainments in the City Hall Theatre this evening.

THE case in which Moller and Powers, seamen of the *Blue Jacket*, are charged with shooting John Williams, steward of the same vessel, in the public house, "The Land We Live In," on the 5th instant, was again remanded for a week, owing to the wounded man being still unable to leave the Hospital.

To-morrow afternoon about five o'clock the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company will launch a paddle steamer, built to the order of Chinese Merchants in Penang, and intended for the trade between Penang and Penang. The steamer is of a composite build, on an iron frame, and is of the type of the American "River steamer." Her length over all is 160 feet, breadth 22*ft.*, depth 10*ft.*, and the engine-power of 100 horse power. The steam-tug *Fame* will leave Pedder's Wharf at four o'clock for Kowloon Docks.

ON Sunday last a new screw steamer, the *Maria*, built by Messrs. Blackhead & Co. for Mr. Barreto, of Manila, went on a trial trip from the harbour to Macao, with a party of about 30 ladies and gentlemen on board. The trip proved in every way eminently satisfactory, the engines working

well all through, a speed of 11*1/2* knots being attained. Her dimensions are: length 120 feet, breadth 18 feet, depth 10 feet. Her engines, built at the Cosmopolitan Dock by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company under the supervision of Mr. Scott, are of 42-horse power, and are capable of working 220-horse power. Her gross tonnage is 254 tons, and net tonnage 180 tons. The whole work has been carried out under the superintendence of Capt. Smith, of Messrs. Blackhead & Co. She is to be commanded by Captain Novo, and is intended to be employed in the trade of the Manila Islands.

In the *Gazette* of Saturday is published a report by Mr. Ford which is satisfactory. There is no doubt that the planting of trees in Hongkong has done much towards improving the public health, and any report of progress in this direction is to be hailed with satisfaction. A number of plants have been found to be unsuited to the climate, but others have grown wonderfully. The report points out the destruction done to shrubs and trees by woodcutters, and remarks that the principal damage is done in the vicinity of the sea-coast by boat people. A suggestion is made as to the opening up of the Little Hongkong Woods, which if a little cleared would make splendid ground for picnics, and the feasibility of a Japanese or Chinese tea garden is also alluded to. The monkey house is in dilapidated condition, and as the structure is "of wood over since it has been erected it has been a constant trouble and expense to keep the animals in the house, as they are continually eating away and pulling down the boards of which the house is constructed." The report of the Superintendent of the Botanic and Afforestation Department is very satisfactory, and in the course of a few years we may hope to see the present rather bare appearance of the island changed considerably for the better.

It will be seen from the following steps as to be taken to remedy a nuisance in Singapore, which, as we have previously pointed out, exists largely here:

The Municipal Commissioners, after due deliberation, have taken up the Verandah question in earnest, and have decided to enforce the law in this respect indiscriminately. Notices have been issued to firms and individuals whose verandas are blocked up or used for storage, to remove the obstructions, and we hear there is no little consternation in certain quarters, and a strong disposition to contest the question, or at least to try and confine the Commissioners to the five feet clear space which the law empowers them to demand.

RETURN of Visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending March 12th.—

European.	Chinese.
Monday, 72	604
Tuesday, 26	514
Wednesday, 38	531
Thursday, 42	307
Friday, 73	638
Saturday, 48	452
Sunday, 29	3,136
Total, 290	Grand total, 3,435.

Christina Brown, a single woman residing at 22 Gage Street, was charged with unlawfully assaulting Luk Ait, tailor, on the 14th instant.

The complainant said he went to Gage Street in the forenoon yesterday to ask for payment of \$100, which a woman was due him. The defendant was present in this house; after making his request to the woman, who said she had no time, he promised to pay him next month; he protested that he was in urgent need of the money. The defendant then pulled his ear, called him a thief, and had struck his friend. The complainant

represented by Mr. Tong King Sing, who pointed out to the Governor the recent

fact that "the Chinese language is a tonic one," and who seems to have complained alike of the English and Chinese teaching of the Central School, would not greatly appreciate the result. They seek a kind of knowledge of the Classics which will enable a man to pass in quotation and elegant essay-writing, not a knowledge which gives him an appreciative understanding of their spirit and drift, and insensibly refines the taste. The standard of Chinese teaching which will satisfy native opinion can probably best be secured by the old native methods. To teach the Chinese by European methods up to the limit of intelligent appreciation would occupy the uninitiated attention of a master who was proficient in Chinese Classics. Possibly it might be done with such rapidity as to offer little impediment to English studies. The theory of the late Head Master, if such it be, has never had a fair trial, and ought neither to be reproached itself nor to be given up. The complainant asserted that while he had anticipated a trial, he had not anticipated his friend, and asked him why he made such a noise, when no one came to advise her, necessitating her taking him by the collar of the coat and showing him the door. Complainant slapped her in the face; she then took hold of him, and threatened to summon him for assault, but he had anticipated her.

The magistrate dismissed the summons.

LAURENCE OF CLOTHING.

Chung Kai, hawker, was committed to prison for two months for stealing property to the value of \$7, belonging to Lo Ait, on the 14th instant.

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Signor Cicero, whose voice is one of remarkable power and richness, as usual, was at once at home with the audience, and it was much to be regretted that they were not gratified in their clamorous demands for *cavos*. In another role he may be able to respond. His "Viva Italia" was remarkably fine. Signor Corti, if not possessing as good a voice as is yours, is the owner of very considerable dramatic abilities, and uses these to the best advantage, evoking the frequent laughter and applause of the audience. Signor Vanzetti, as the *Cavaliere Eraldo*, sang and acted well, his voice apparently appearing equally well as a tenor *legato* or *fener robuste*. Signor Patti was fully equal to the part of chorister. The choruses were better singing than is usual, and the entire performance was worthy of the support it received, which we are well assured will be continued.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

SIR JOHN POPE HENNESSY ON EDUCATION.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

March 8.

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fact that "the Chinese language is a tonic one," and who seems to have complained alike of the English and Chinese teaching of the Central School, would not greatly appreciate the result. They seek a kind of knowledge of the Classics which will enable a man to pass in quotation and elegant essay-writing, not a knowledge which gives him an appreciative understanding of their spirit and drift, and insensibly refines the taste. The standard of Chinese teaching which will satisfy native opinion can probably best be secured by the old native methods. To teach the Chinese by European methods up to the limit of intelligent appreciation would occupy the uninitiated attention of a master who was proficient in Chinese Classics. Possibly it might be done with such rapidity as to offer little impediment to English studies. The theory of the late Head Master, if such it be, has never had a fair trial, and ought neither to be reproached itself nor to be given up. The complainant asserted that while he had anticipated a trial, he had not anticipated his friend, and asked him why he made such a noise, when no one came to advise her, necessitating her taking him by the collar of the coat and showing him the door. Complainant slapped her in the face; she then took hold of him, and threatened to summon him for assault, but he had anticipated her.

The magistrate dismissed the summons.

LAURENCE OF CLOTHING.

Chung Kai, hawker, was committed to prison for two months for stealing property to the value of \$7, belonging to Lo Ait, on the 14th instant.

MESSES Adamson, Bell Co. inform us that the S. S. *Flora Castle*, from London, left Singapore yesterday for this port.

YESTERDAY Admiral Wiles paid a visit to Commodore von Blaau, on board the *Stach*, this morning and received the usual salute.

IN our paragraph about the tea entertainment at the Temperance Hall, we were led to understand that the tea was gratis. This is not so, as the singing part of the entertainment only is free to all.

THE WIZARD of the North, Professor Anderson, assisted by Madam Louise Anderson, gives one of his wonderful entertainments in the City Hall Theatre this evening.

THE case in which Moller and Powers, seamen of the *Blue Jacket*, are charged with shooting John Williams, steward of the same vessel, in the public house, "The Land We Live In," on the 5th instant, was again remanded for a week, owing to the wounded man being still unable to leave the Hospital.

To-morrow afternoon about five o'clock the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company will launch a paddle steamer, built to the order of Chinese Merchants in Penang, and intended for the trade between Penang and Penang. The steamer is of a composite build, on an iron frame, and is of the type of the American "River steamer." Her length over all is 160 feet, breadth 22*ft.*, depth 10*ft.*, and the engine-power of 100 horse power. The steam-tug *Fame* will leave Pedder's Wharf at four o'clock for Kowloon Docks.

ON Sunday last a new screw steamer, the *Maria*, built by Messrs. Blackhead & Co. for Mr. Barreto, of Manila, went on a trial trip from the harbour to Macao, with a party of about 30 ladies and gentlemen on board. The trip proved in every way

well all through, a speed of 11*1/2* knots being attained. Her dimensions are: length 120 feet, breadth 18 feet, depth 10 feet. Her engines, built at the Cosmopolitan Dock by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company under the supervision of Mr. Scott, are of 42-horse power, and are capable of working 220-horse power. Her gross tonnage is 254 tons, and net tonnage 180 tons. The whole work has been carried out under the superintendence of Capt. Smith, of Messrs. Blackhead & Co. She is to be commanded by Captain Novo, and is intended to be employed in the trade of the Manila Islands.

Signor Cicero, whose voice is one of remarkable power and richness, as usual, was at once at home with the audience, and it was much to be regretted that they were not gratified in their clamorous demands for *cavos*. In another role he may be able to respond. His "Viva Italia" was remarkably fine. Signor Corti, if not possessing as good a voice as is yours, is the owner of very considerable dramatic abilities, and uses these to the best advantage, evoking the frequent laughter and applause of the audience. Signor Vanzetti, as the *Cavaliere Eraldo*, sang and acted well, his voice apparently appearing equally well as a tenor *legato* or *fener robuste*. Signor Patti was fully equal to the part of chorister. The choruses were better singing than is usual, and the entire performance was worthy of the support it received, which we are well assured will be continued.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

SIR JOHN POPE HENNESSY ON EDUCATION.

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## Intimations.

## THE CHINA REVIEW.

THE widely-expressed regret at the discontinuance of *Notes & Queries* on China and Japan, has induced the publishers of this journal to issue a publication similar in object and style, but slightly modified in certain details.

*The China Review, or Notes and Queries on the Far East*, is issued at intervals of two months, each number containing about 60 octavo pages, occasionally illustrated with lithographs, photographs, woodcuts, &c., should the paper published demand, and the circulation justify, such extra matter.

The subscription is fixed at \$6.50 postage paid, per annum, payable by non-residents in Hongkong half-yearly in advance.

The publication includes papers original and selected upon the Arts and Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Manners and Customs, Natural History, Religion, &c., &c., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, the Eastern Archipelago, and the "Far East" generally. A more detailed list of subjects upon which contributions are especially invited is incorporated with each number.

Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, French, German, Spanish, Italian or Portuguese, are admissible. Endeavours are made to present a resume in each number of the contents of the most recent works bearing on Chinese matters. Great attention is also paid to the Review department.

Notes and Replies are classified together on "Notes" (head references being given, when furnished, to previous Notes or Queries), are also those queries which, though asking for information, furnish new or unpublished details concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the Queries proper as brief and as much to the point as possible.

*The China Review* for July and August, 1876, is at hand. It says that forty-two essays were sent in to compete for the best paper on the advantages of Christianity for the development of a State. All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and enterprising Review. It is a sixty-paged, bi-monthly, repertory of what scholars are ascertaining about China. The lecture on Chinese Poetry in this volume is alone worth the price of the Review. Address *China Review*, Hongkong.—*Northern Christian Advocate* (U.S.).

*Traveller's Oriental Record* contains the following notice of the *China Review*:—"This is the title of a publication, the first number of which has lately reached us from Hongkong, where it has been set on foot in some respects a continuation of *Notes and Queries* on China and Japan, the extinction of which useful serial a year or two ago has been much regretted in Europe as well as in China. The present publication, judging by the number how before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are generally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors. In a paper on Dr. Legge's *Shih King*, by the Rev. E. J. Eitel, to which the place of honour is deservedly given, an excellent summary is presented of the chronological problems and arguments involved in connexion with this important work. Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese post-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-po, by Mr. E. O. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the *China Review* may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance. The publication is intended to cover every two months, and will form a substantial octavo magazine."

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